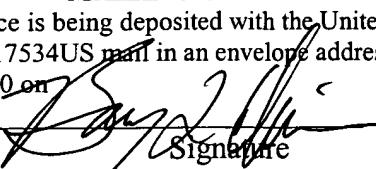


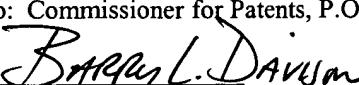
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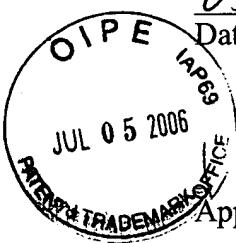
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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated 05 January 2006 for the above-identified patent application. Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, 05 July 2006. A petition for a three-month extension of time and the required fee are enclosed.

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: